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Gypsophila paniculata

GYPSOPHILA is a perennial. Native from central south-eastern Europe and the Caucasus to Siberia, it has tiny, white or pink flowers.

It is also known as Baby's breath, Baby's breath gypsophila, Bachelor's button, *Brudslöja* (Swedish), Chalk plant, *Gipsofilo panikla* (Esperanto), Gypsum pink, Lace shawls, Maiden's breath, Mist, Mist flower, *Morsiusharso* (Finnish), Old-fashioned baby's breath, Perfoliate baby's breath, *Rispiges Gipskraut* (German), *Sapherbo orienta* (Esperanto), *Šater latnatý* (Czech), *Schleierkraut* (German), *Slöjblomma* (Swedish), and Tall gypsophil.

Paniculata means 'pyramidal flower clusters'.

The delicate sprays of tiny white flowers have long been a familiar part of wedding bouquets in western Europe – not least for some people as a symbol of fertility.